

FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Public Safety Training Center
5370 Public Safety Place
Frederick, MD 21704

MINUTES of the July 25, 2017 Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order.
- II. The following members were present: Mari Lee, Annette Breiling, David Kaye, Lee Whisner, Francisco Alves, Michael Baran, Adam Book, Irene Packer Halsey, Gene Stanton, Roger Sobkowiak, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye and Kavonte' Duckett. Liaison members Jet Reid and Donna Kuzemchak were present.
- III. Other persons present were Capt. Patrick Grossman and Lt. Thomas Tokarz.
- IV. An invitation was extended to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. The June 2017 HRC meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by vote without corrections with a motion by Marguerite Vacca-Kaye and 2nd by Annette Breiling.
- VI. Lt. Thomas Tokarz reported that the new academy will begin October 2; that group will include recruits from other jurisdictions. The City of Frederick recruits will start on September 18. They will canvass the city and interview residents to find out what their expectations are of the city police. The academy will run for approximately 7 months. At this time there are no demographics available on this class because the final participants have not been determined.
- VII. Mari Lee reported that the Executive Committee met on July 11 to create the agenda. Mari Lee reminded the members that if their committees have a recommendation bring them to the Executive Committee first; however, that does not keep the committee from bringing their ideas before the entire commission if they wish. The August Executive Committee meeting will be focused on the Special Committee "Data Collections" and their recommendations.
- VIII. Annette Breiling reported the balance in the HRC account is \$4,000.
- IX. The GRC met and made a decision to hold the Legislative Lunch on December 6; two topics are being explored: privacy and employment in respect to discrimination. The committee was asked to bring more details on both topics to the executive committee. Also Pat Fleet and Miles Ward will check on the date to make sure it

does not interfere with other activities. The GRC is exploring updating the questions on the surveys.

- X. The special committee on Data has been working on employment recommendations for the county; it will be presented at the August meeting.
- XI. Jet Reid distributed materials and reported on school statistics regarding children that have reported thoughts of suicide. The middle school number is 258 and the high school number is 163. The School Board's response is to focus on student's social and emotional needs. They are adding 2 additional school psychologists and looking into student emotional support service staff as opposed to student support staff. He also shared statistics on the number of homeless students in Frederick County. At the end of the 2017 school year there were 812.
- XII. Mari Lee thanked everyone who attended the Human Rights Day Proclamation.

National Night Out is Tuesday August 1 from 6-9 pm. Tables will not be set up; however, members will be given bags with information giveaways and surveys. Gene Stanton will be at Carrollton Park, Francisco Alvez and Irene Packer Halsey will be at Hill Street Park, the Kayes will be at Lucas Village and Pat Fleet will be at Mullinix Park. The Sheriff is also hosting areas in Lake Liganore where Adam Book and Lisa Clark will be, and in Middletown where Michael Baran will take the lead.

The open meetings act training was attended by Mari Lee, Miles Ward, Pat Fleet, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye and Annette Breiling. All of the subcommittees will be affected. Mari will have information to share with the committees on the requirements before the next meeting.

Mari is working on reviewing the composition of the 3 standing committees and will be speaking to everyone about appointments.

The HRC is in need of a member; Pat Fleet and Miles Ward will write up something about membership responsibilities for members to use for recruiting.

The Naturalization Ceremony will be held on September 6 at Winchester Hall at 11:00 am. The committee will meet next week to iron out the details and let everyone know.

Mari is working on a power point that members can use to promote the HRC.

AACF's Annual community Health Fair is October 28. The HRC will have a table and individuals are encouraged to volunteer on their own. There will be more conversation at the August meeting.

- XIII. Kavonte' Duckett submitted his resignation earlier in the day. He said that he has enjoyed working with the HRC and has seen a lot of positives come from the Commission.
- XIV. Those attending who chose to do so made brief final comments.
- XV. The meeting was adjourned.